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attached

The summary of propaganda directed against ~~alleged~~ Radio Free Europe,

and

said to be

the Voice of America, ~~and~~ other organizations, ~~and at the notion of US~~

instrument for sustained revolt in Hungary were selected from
complicity in the Hungarian revolt was drawn from FBIS reports of October 22-

December 5, 1956, including broadcasts from Greece, Turkey, Pakistan, India,

Berlin,

Scandinavia, West Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal,

the USSR, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Albania,

and areas to Africa

Yugoslavia, and Communist China.

during this period

No instance was found where the Soviet line concerning Hungary was repeated by any non-Communist country, or where they had independently discussed

order issued or hinted at US complete,
the possible R the part possibly played by RFE or the US in Hungarian events.

(with the exception of the "Italian" Communist Home Service via Prague whose

statements were faithful to the accepted formula.)

The legend of the attack in the Soviet controlled countries
of Kadar government of Hungary (when the Kadar government was in/
East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and Albania all echoed the

statements made by Moscow (with exception that Czech radio was broadcasting a

similar line before Moscow began). Statements by the Yugoslavs and Poles reflected

their peculiar position with respect to the Hungarian affair. Hungarian

broadcasts themselves were

Communist China, taking note of the Hungarian rebellion well after it had begun,

wax staunchly supported the USSR and the Kadar government in Hungary, but spoke
desert played by

frequently of "mistakes" made by the previous regime which had a part in bringing
Communist Chinese broadcasts

on the revolt, and did not directly mention alleged US activities in bringing it

about mention PCE as the various event acts
with respect to Hungary alleged by the USSR
to have been committed by the US.

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USSR on
Hungary & RFE

32 items of
USSR
propaganda

(BB1, October 25)

Moscow broadcasts mentioned the Hungarian revolt on October 24/ (without

reference to any alleged Western incitement) but said that "By the end of the day

on Oct. 24 the enemy adventure was liquidated." (This latter
statement or its equivalent was made
frequently thereafter by the USSR)

On October 25, in a broadcast to the Near East, Moscow mentioned the revolt and that "Propagandists" tried to incite complete disorder", but again noted that "Before the end of the day yesterday...order was restored to Budapest." (RB1-2, October 26)

There were still no direct allegations of American complicity in the Hungarian affair on the 26th and 27th except that a broadcast directed at North Americans (BB17, 29 October) quoted Prague as observing unusual activity in Czechoslovakia on the part of "foreign intelligence services", "balloons with provocative literature" having been sent up from American bases in West Germany. Arrests and confessions in Czechoslovakia had eluded "Rudolph Vit, J. Maly, and J. Garushchak", all linked to US or British intelligence.

A full-scale indictment of the West for inciting the Hungarian rebels appeared ~~did not appear~~ on Soviet radio until the 28th, four days after the rebellion had begun and four after Czechoslovak radio had broadcast its first suggestion of outside aid to the rebels. (See Gorb section below) The broadcast in question was directed to Europe (BB1-12, October 29) and consisted of the full text of a Pravda article entitled "The Suppression of an Antinational Adventure in Hungary."

This stated that:

- a. A "loyal" demonstration of Hungarian youth had been turned into an armed uprising
- b. This was consistent with official transatlantic statements exhorting revolution in the Satellites
- c. Congress had appropriated \$100,000,000 which had been used for propaganda and subversion
- d. US news reports (Frank Cyrus, UP) showed that the rebels were well armed and trained, obviously by plan and design
- e. The Hungarian army thus had to be used to put down this attempt to liquidate all that the Hungarian workers had won from the Hitlerites

Further commentary from Izvestia and by Anatoly Sherstyuk developed that

- a. The revolt was not 'spontaneous' but resulted from an overseas plot
- b. Gloating abroad was obvious; it was more than a coincidence that Bela Varga forecast "the counterrevolutionary putsch in Hungary for October 23, or that "a UP correspondent from Vienna" noted that as soon as trouble started "there emerged from the basements a fully prepared clandestine army"
- c. The uprising was clearly the result of a US "policy of cloak and dagger against the countries of the camp of socialism" including the Congressional

appropriations, the balloons and propaganda from RFE, and 'another novelty', "the so-called mail project", sending letter "to private persons residing in the People's Democracies" urging "unrest and armed mutinies."

d. All this made necessary assistance to the Hungarians by the Red Army, ~~which was~~ particularly justifiable in view of the foreign nature of the revolutionary plot which ~~inxely~~ called for a ~~coup d'état~~ "espionage agents and subversive elements" ~~to~~ in US schools supported by the aforementioned Congressional appropriateion.

general broadcasts of the 28th, The setting the line in the Pravda article, after the 28th the USSR broadcast this same general theme almost daily. Variations followed it thereafter with variations included: chronological order) as follows:

(1) ~~October 28~~ *as said, the 28th* A statement by Otto Grotewohl quoted by Moscow on the 28th that the

United Press had sent a circular letter to its correspondents suggesting that they emphasize ~~xtrizes~~ 'disturbances' in East Germany in order to cause disorders similar to those in Hungary. (BB 19-20, October 30)

(2) ~~October 30~~

A statement by Otto Grotewohl An assertion that the "real aim" of the Western Powers" is proved by the New York Times which described tragic events in Hungary as reflecting the official foreign policy of the United States" (BB 11, October 31)

(3) "Interference in the domestic affairs of other countries and the crude trampling underfoot of their national sovereignty have for some time now been

guiding principles of US foreign policy and that of other Western Powers." This is proved by (among other things) a statement attributed to Senator Wiley in connection with the \$25 million supplementary appropriation that the law "presupposed an ^{alleged} underground movement in those countries"; the fact that the House of Representatives openly called for "'liberation' of the People's Democracies"; the often-repeated statements of Secretary Dulles including those in his recent speech in Texas calling for a change ^{and} in the Hungarian government; the analogy of Guatemala where the US is said to have overthrown the government of the "liberal bourgeois", Jacopo Arbenz. (BB 10-14,

October 31)

November 2

(4). "Whole squadrons of aircraft are constantly leaving for Budapest, allegedly carrying medical supplies to Hungary" (according to the Austrian newspaper Oesterreichische Volksstimme), although observers could see for themselves hundreds of military persons are being flown to Hungary, former officers of the Horthy army, Hungaria officers and soldiers who had served in the Hitlerite army." Also, trained agents, ~~and~~ supplies were being parachuted from these same airplanes. This effort was directed from Salzburg where "it is no secret" that the "so-called 'Hungarian Chancellory in Salzburg exists on American money." (BB 16-20, November 5, broadcasts of November

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November 4

(5) (C) "Transmitters in Gyor, Miskolc, and other towns were brought there by American agents from Salzburg in Austria." (BB 6, November 5, broadcast of November 4)

November 5

(6) The plot against Hungary is partly the work of "Nyillasists and Horthyites who had entrenched themselves in West Germany and Austria (and) acted with the lavish appropriations of the imperialists" (BB 10-11, November 5, broadcast of November(?)

FBIS says October 74.

Same day

(7) "The Washington Post frankly announces the hopes of the imperialist circles that the victory of reaction in Hungary will radically change the balance of power in the world..." (Same, BB 12)

November 8

(8) The attempted coup was prepared "not long before the beginning of the rebellion in Budapest" by Ferenc Nagy, meeting in Munich with prominent Hungarian emigres (Zoltan Tildy, Bela Kovacs, and Count Esterhazy mentioned). Troops, equipment, arms, and propaganda material were then moved into Hungary, largely in Red Cross motor transport. (BB 4-6, November 9, Broadcast of November 8)

November 9

(9) Atrocities Atrocity propaganda was regularly played up on the general ground that the "imperialists" encouraged atrocities against Hungarian "workers and glorified them. Life magazine is cited as having printed atrocity photographs with obvious sympathy for them. "Freedom, and others"

are charged with having encouraged atrocities. (BB 28-31, November 13, Broadcast of

November 9)

November 10

(16) Since responsibility for conditions in Hungary lies wholly with "international reaction", the USSR could not ignore Hungary's "Cry for Help."

(BB 32, November 13, Broadcast of November 10)

November 10

and

(17) Such organization as RFE, /the "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity",

are accused of crimes against humanity. (BB 33-34, November 13, Broadcast of November

10)

November 14

(18) The US does not even deny complicity in what has been fomented in Hungary; leaders like Senator Knowland at the UN have been openly encouraging Hungarian to fight against their government (BB 6-7, November 14, Broadcast of November 14)

November 11

(19) The Senate Foreign Relations Committee last May discussed "a so-called freedom administration" to "help create disturbances in the People's Democracies"; US "influential monopolistic circles" are patronizing such organizations as the "Union of American Hungarians", Hungarian National Committee, Confederation of Hungarian Fighters, and others. (BB 8-9 November 14, Broadcast of November 11.

(20) The US has maintained a training center for detachments to be used in Eastern Europe at Fort Bragg, North Carolina (BB 8-9 same)

revolt was planned in and by the United States. (BB 9-11 same)

November 11 and Barrett Magurn

(16 p.) Homer Bigart and Harr Schwartz are cited in showing that the US

press sympathized with the counterrevolutionaries (BB 11-14 same)

17 November 15

17 a. RFE directly incited atrocities; a Hungarian refugee said, "It was the big and strong America that pushed us to this by its broadcasts" (BB 19-20)

November 15, Bdcast of November 15)

November 15

18 a. (According to a Danish newspaper) RFE has a camouflaged headquarters in a private apartment ~~xxx~~ in Austria ~~xx~~ near the Hungarian border where agents and 29 transmitters are directed. (BB 20, November 15, Bdcast of the same)

November 15

(19 a. The Gehlen espionage organization in Germany participated in preparation for the revolt, allegedly according to the New York World Telegram and Sun (BB

Bdcast of November 18)

November 27

20 a. That the US was directing an effort largely made up of "former German fascists, members of the SS, and the Gestapo" is indicated by the fact that this group ~~xx~~ allegedly ~~shawnztaxbazinxesanzaxixxx~~ had its headquarters in the Hotel Regina in Vienna where the "chief of the Hungarian department of the American-controlled Radio Free Europe" also had his headquarters.

(BB 16-17, November 27, Bdcast of November 27)

November 23

(21 a. (in a broadcast purporting to describe RFE) "Present at the opening

of the station was Jackson, a US Government adviser on psychological warfare.

"Marie Dvorakova" and "Karel Kasal" are cited as giving testimony to the subversive nature of the RFD organization. (BB 19-21, November 27, Broadcast of November 23)

(November? - handwriting)
27 "Today, even the bourgeois press in Western countries has been

forced to admit the heavy responsibility of the American broadcasting station, Radio Free Europe, which, pursuing its own dark aims, has roused the population of Hungary to a counterrevolutionary movement" Other Western newspapers are cited ~~to~~ ~~this~~ on this point. (BB 22, November 26,

November 24
28 RFE's efforts have aroused indignation in Hungary; the Russian Evangelical Christian ~~EX~~ Baptists have protested RFE and called VOA "...the voice of Judas who betrayed Christ." (BB 24-27, November 26, Broadcast of November 24)

November 26
29 *allegedly quoted*
The US has been recruiting spies for RFE in German DP camps
(BB 29-31, November 30, broadcast of November 26)
November 29
30 (In a story from a Roman newspaper) That an "American liaison officer who keeps in contact with underground groups in Hungary" said the US is trying to keep the Hungarian revolt (despite the number of victims) in progress as long as possible because "several thousand new victims in the long run is a modest price for

US / UN? keeping the Hungarian question on the agenda of the ~~EX~~ General Assembly"

November 30

26. *Nov.* Although the US righteously deplores the condition of the Hungarian refugees, it brought about their distress by encouraging them to leave the country."

(BB 13-18, November 30, bdcst of same)

Date

27. A West German newspaper (Westdeutsches Tageblatt of Dortmund) has criticized the W. German government for permitting RFE to keep its license

Date

28. Western Countries have been recruiting agents from among the Hungarian refugees, and RFE agents, disguised as reporters, have been intercepting individual refugees of particular interest to them and "taking them to their agencies over the heads of the Austrian authorities."

Date

29. The US, which is "weeping 'crocodile tears'" over the plight of Hungarian refugees, in fact plans to use them as "'special troops' to be trained as wreckers, murderers, and spies, and to be smuggled into Hungary to disturb the peaceful life there. Both Major General William Donovan and the Saturday Evening Post (May 12, 1956) have given testimony to this effect.

Tab II?

{Satellite

4 items

HUNGARY

to FBIS items

mail (in reaction to Hungary + RFE)

Budapest,
Hungarian Home Service occasionally made use of the US-RFE incitement theme between November 20 and December 3, usually in connection with justifying the use of Soviet troops, ~~encouraging refugees to return~~ dissuading Hungarians from escaping to Austria, or encouraging refugees to return. On November 25, Budapest broadcast a speech by Janos Kadar who gave as his official opinion that the "counterrevolution" sprang from a plot hatched by the US. As evidence, Kadar cites an alleged statement by Allen Dulles to the effect that he had advance knowledge of the revolt. (FBIS 77-L (Sub for Item 62-L) 1900 11/25)

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA (on Hungary & RFE)

~~beginning~~

~~already~~

The Czech radio ~~started~~ attacks on RFE before that of the USSR.

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On ~~25~~ October (Prague, Czech Home Service, 1850 GMT, HH 1-3 of 25 October)

Prague stated that "In Hungary there were attempts of provocateurs... to incite the

Hungarian workers' class against the Party leadership..." It mentioned further:

"Inciting Western radio transmitters made comments in connection with the events in

Poland, and in the course of today in connection with the events in Hungary of the need

to help those forces which wish to overthrow the people's democratic regimes in

these countries." This broadcast also said: "...[Poland and Hungary] will never

permit a realization of Dulles' aims..."; and in a later paragraph: "At present,

commentaries are being broadcast from Munich's Free Europe and various other Western

radio transmitters asserting that we in Czechoslovakia should also embark on the

same line of developments which appeared in the last days in the countries of our

neighbors."

(HH8-9, Oct. 25)

On ~~25 October~~, ~~radio Prague~~ said: "There is disillusionment in Western

reactionary circles. It is from there whence ~~we~~ came all ideas and the where-

withal to overthrow the socialist regimes in Hungary and Poland. For years, balloons

have been launched with leaflets. Over the air and into all the People's democracies travel

travels hatred and anger against the rule of those countries by their own people

Anti-Soviet baiting and nationalistic riots which in Hungary led to bloodshed,

bear the indelible trademark: "Made in the centers of Western reaction."

The broadcast goes on to mention the influence of "millionaires' circles" in the

US and to note the initial reaction of the President and ~~the~~ Dulles to the revolt.

October 30

(HH 3-5, October 30)

The Prague broadcast of the next day continues this last theme; and directly accused RFE and VOA, and introduced the story of the \$100 million "Kersten Act" said to have been introduced "announced" in Congress by "Senator Smith," along with that of the \$25 million additional said to have been appropriated later. This broadcast, to which was added an editorial from Rude Pravo, contained a routine attack on the "poison" contained in RFE radio and balloon propaganda and the subversion of which RFE was said to be guilty.

(HH 3-4, October 29)

On October 28, Prague paid particular attention to Secretary Dulles who is said to have admitted by implication that ~~the~~ "disintegration of the camp of socialism" and "isolation of the USSR" through use of VOA and RFE, was part of a scheme to which Dulles was a party.

On October 30, Prague broadcast a Rude Pravo editorial dealing largely with

alleged atrocities committed in Budapest, which suggested that since the ~~West~~

was ~~the~~ ~~main~~ ~~culprit~~

"people of the West were the real originators and organizers of the coup and who are spending millions of dollars on agents, diversionists, and leaflets," it is "unprecedented affrontery" and "hypocrisy" that they "are now complaining ~~of~~ about illegal Soviet intervention." On the same day, a broadcast mentioned several Fascists said to have been discovered by the ~~newspapers~~ press endorsing the uprising: "high officers of the former Horthy army"; Admiral Horthy's son, Franco, Chiang Kai-Shek and American representatives of American, British, and French reactionary circles.

October 31
A "situation in Hungary" broadcast on the 31st (NH 6, October 31) spoke of an American Secret service" training school in ~~in~~ Aspern; and 'free transmitters' brought into Hungary by "such a discredited transmitter as 'Free Europe'. Evidence of US participation is mentioned here in the form of "motorcars belonging to American military personnel in Germany [seen] arriving in Hungary and returning after a few hours."

Two other statements were noted in Czechoslovak broadcasts after October 31 (Prague, Czech Home Service 11/10/56, NH4, November 1)
: one/having to do with a Czech named Arnost Brant arrested for distributing "fascist" leaflets who admitted that he was "inspired by the bestial raging of fascist elements in Hungary; the other (Prague, 14 November, NH 1-3, November 15) deriding "Free Europe" for having lost face and "become hysterical in the face of the united socialist ~~front~~ ^{Approved For Release 1999/09/24 : CIA-RDP83-00764R00050090010-8} front of our people."

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EAST GERMANY

(On Hungary + RFE)

East German radio first mentioned the Hungarian revolt on October 25.

Takin the ~~line~~ usual line that this was a fascist counterrevolution, it ~~understand~~ provided

what seems intended as an
~~to~~ answer an editorial in the West Berlin Telegraf to the effect that "interested
quarters" had deliberately fomented the rebellion "in order to create a welcome
opportunity for military intervention."

Its broadcasts of November 2, 11, and 14 contained most of the Soviet
allegations about US complicity in the revolt, ~~including also accusations from James~~
~~Brennan's book on Overcoming Soviet Imperialism, and statements that~~
~~the US was~~

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YUGOSLAVIA

(on Hungary + RFE)

A conservative view was taken by Belgrade in its broadcast of November 4 which discussed the situation in Hungary. In developing the theme that the revolt against Rakosi and Gero was/justified, to some extent this broadcast said:

"Certain forces outside Hungary, especially the reactionary elements in emigration presented by Ferenc Nagy and others who have already started moving in Hungary, obviously contributed to this turn of events. Any further strengthening of all these phenomena would be dangerous from the standpoint of the development of progressive forces in Hungary....."

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RUMANIA

(on Hungary + RFE)

Bucharest broadcasts contain occasional attacks ~~on~~ along the standard Communist line, emphasizing the desire of rich Hungarians and Americans again to enslave Hungary, and also if possible, Rumania.

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POLAND

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(on Hungary - RFF)

Although Polish broadcasts after October 23 mention RFE and the VOA, the ^{To them} ~~possibly~~ only reference bearing on Hungary/in connection with ~~these~~ was made by PZPR First

Secretary Gomulka who said: "It is significant that the Soviet intervention in

Hungary is opposed most loudly by those political circles which always base their

policy and their hopes on external intervention---but from the other side. It is

these quarters who by their radio propaganda, by promising so-called help in lib-

eration, cited hostile elements in Hungary and bear considerable responsibility for

the block shed on Hungarian soil...."

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COMMUNIST CHINA (on Hungary & RFE)

No mention of the Hungarian revolt was observed in Chinese Communist broadcasts until November 1 when the Chinese press was ~~said to be~~ quoting a Soviet declaration regarding Soviet "withdrawal" of troops from Budapest. (AAA 5, November 1) ~~xxxx~~

The theme appeared again in a broadcast of November 2 from Peking (editorial from the Peking People's Daily) which said that (a) "The counterrevolutionary schemes of the imperialist element and Hungarian traitors have been thoroughly smashed; (b) this has made the lately joyous "imperialist elements" furious; and (c) former Hungarian government leaders had made mistakes which would have to be corrected.

(AAA 1-3, November 6)

A broadcast of November 13 from Peking (editorial in the People's Daily) after pointing out the necessity of Soviet intervention noted that "The action to restore fascism by arms was not a 'spontaneous' mass action, but one imposed on the Hungarian people by a gang of conspirators instigated by the United States and other Western countries." ^(Frank Lippens, in above) ~~xxxx~~ Reference to "the UP reporter in Vienna" is made for verification.

Other broadcasts continued these themes, but in no observed instance ~~were~~ was there mention of RFE or any other US organization attacked by Moscow.